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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MIDDLEMAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/123,614

Filed: June 28, 1998

For: DEVICE FOR ANCHORING
TUBULAR ELEMENT

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Cris L. Rodriguez

Pasadena, California

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office action dated July 2, 2003, Applicant hereby amends the application and responds as follows:

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